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McCone Gets Approval of Committee

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The Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday formally approved the nomination of John A. McCone to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) announced that the Committee in a closed meeting also approved the nominations of:

Fred Korth, Fort Worth, Tex., to be Secretary of the Navy.

Neil E. Harlan, a Harvard professor, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management.

Russell told newsmen there were no votes against reporting any of the three nominations to the Senate, but that at least one Senator had gone along as to McCone "with reservations," meaning the Senator reserved a right to oppose confirmation in the Senate if he wished. He did not name the Senator.

Russell says he expects no "substantial opposition" to McCone in the Senate.

McCone, Korth and Harlan already are on the jobs under recess appointments from President Kennedy announced before Congress reconvened.

The Committee's approval of McCone follows public hearings last week at which Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) raised critical questions about the CIA's powers and whether McCone is the right man to head the super-secret Intelligence Agency.